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**COLUMN ONE**

## Can Castro Weather Storm?

■ Exiled capitalists and opponents of Cuban leader maneuver for power and influence. But the social welfare system is deeply embedded—as is a legacy of intolerance.

By RICHARD BOUDREAU  
TIMES STAFF WRITER

MIAMI—Jorge Mas Canosa, a Cuban immigrant who made a fortune selling tractors and stringing telephone cables in Florida, is peddling something new these days: opportunities in a "free Cuba" after President Fidel Castro is gone.

For \$10,000 a year, he tells business people, you can become a "director" of his Cuban American National Foundation, which has drafted a new constitution for the island and a 430-page blueprint for converting its economy from socialism to consumerism.

"The pitch is basically that, 'We're writing a plan for the future of Cuba, and if you grease our palm now, we'll take care of you later,'" said a Florida vegetable grower hustled by Mas Canosa and his deputies at a cocktail party. "They said all the land in Cuba is government-controlled and, naturally, they were going to be the provisional government."

Mas Canosa, a combative, ambitious man of 52, is not the only one betting that the Soviet Union's collapse will soon bring down Havana's Communist revolution. Other anti-Castro politicians, capitalists and economic gurus are maneuvering for power and influence in a post-Castro Cuba.

Nowhere is the anticipation more naked than in south Florida, where more than 600,000 Cuban exiles live, dream and conspire within 300 miles of the motherland. Viewed from here, the economic crisis precipitated in Havana by the loss of Soviet Bloc patronage makes the 65-year-old dictator a terminal case.

Cuban-Americans convinced that the end is near are selling their homes for cash to start businesses in Cuba. Bay of Pigs veter-

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ans belonging to Alfa 66 and other paramilitary bands are training in the Everglades, eager for a shot at claiming a role in Castro's downfall.

Texaco, RJR Nabisco and 10 other U.S. firms have commissioned research on Cuba by the University of Miami. Conferences on the post-Castro era are held in Miami and in Caracas, Venezuela, with specialists on Russia, Eastern Europe and Nicaragua imparting wisdom to Cuban exiles on how to manage a "transition."

But wait. Can't Castro confound them all and survive this crisis? If not, can communism survive him? Who would take over? Will the future belong to those who left Cuba and grew rich or those who stayed and endured? Can any new regime overcome the Castro legacy of economic decay and political

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Agence France-Press

Sam Walton at last month's Medal of Freedom ceremony.

## Sam Walton of Wal-Mart Dies; Top U.S. Retailer

By MYRNA OLIVER  
TIMES STAFF WRITER

Sam Walton, a self-made multi-billionaire who parlayed an Arkansas five-and-dime into the mega-merchandising empire of discount stores he called Wal-Mart, died Sunday. He was 74.

Walton had been treated in the early 1980s for leukemia and was found to have bone cancer in 1990. A Wal-Mart spokesman said Walton died at the University of Arkansas Medical Sciences Hospital in Little Rock, where he had been for more than a week.

Perennially at the top of Forbes magazine's annual list of America's richest people, last October Walton was No. 3, followed by his four children, each with a net worth of

**■ WAL-MART AFTER WALTON**  
Billionaire laid plans for retail chain to continue thriving. D1

\$4.4 billion. Last year, ringing up \$43.89 billion in sales, Wal-Mart unseated Sears, Roebuck & Co. as the country's largest retailer.

Walton was a paradox who shunned publicity, yet once honored a promise to employees to dance the hula on Wall Street when they turned a higher profit than he had predicted.

Tapping an eager small-town market for discount merchandise, Walton kept his empire centered in tiny Bentonville, Ark., where he drove an old pickup truck and regularly stopped by the local coffee shop for breakfast with town-folk.

"Y'all are real good. We couldn't have done it without your support and without your buying a little merchandise from that old five-and-dime," he told the Ozark citizenry on Oct. 8, 1983, when Bentonville staged a "Sam and Helen Walton Appreciation Day."

"I had no vision of the scope of what I would start," Walton once said of his Southern and Midwestern chain that numbers 1,735 stores. "But I always had confidence that as long as we did our work well and were good to our customers, there would be no limit to us."

"Mr. Sam," as his neighbors called him, was criticized by some labor groups for buying foreign

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## Charges Vex Clinton and Brown in N.Y.

■ Campaign: Candidates are forced again to respond to allegations of dishonesty and hypocrisy. Voter turnout for primary is expected to be low.

By DAVID LAUTER  
and DOUGLAS JEHL  
TIMES STAFF WRITERS

NEW YORK—This state's Democratic primary campaign slid toward its final 24 hours Sunday with both candidates forced once more to defend themselves against charges of dishonesty and hypocrisy while seeming to tire of the battle's snarling tone.

At morning appearances and then at a televised debate, Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton faced renewed questioning about his draft status in the late 1960s after reports in The Times and the Associated Press disclosed that he had received an induction notice before entering an ROTC program in the summer of 1969.

Former California Gov. Edmund G. (Jerry) Brown Jr., meanwhile,

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faced queries about a Times study that showed a large percentage of people appointed to judgeships in the last years of his tenure had contributed money to his presidential and senatorial campaigns.

The two candidates spent the first few minutes of their debate harshly attacking each other over negative advertisements and Brown's flat-tax proposal.

Then they abruptly shifted ground, agreeing on a host of issues and ending the debate with Clinton praising Brown's now-famous 800 number and Brown complimenting his rival as a "very intelligent" opponent who is "hard to get the better of."

Afterwards, both men flew to Washington to participate in a national abortion-rights demonstration before returning here for a final day and night of campaigning.

But despite the sudden outburst of good feeling, the two-week New

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## Great Weird Way Puts Candidates Into a N.Y. State

By CATHLEEN DECKER  
TIMES POLITICAL WRITER

NEW YORK—Here in the kingdom of the absurd, it is tough to tell which of the quixotic campaign events leading up to Tuesday's presidential primary deserved pre-eminence. But it might have been the one under the lovely 86-foot white marble arch in Manhattan's Washington Square, which reads: "Let us raise a standard to which the wise and the honest can repair."

With a brilliant blue sky bearing down on an empty platform, a campaign worker seized upon a way to await the arrival of former

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**MEDI-CAL CHANGES**

Local health and hospital officials are exploring whether to revamp the state's Medi-Cal program available to San Diego County residents. B1

**PURPOSEFUL TRAUMA**

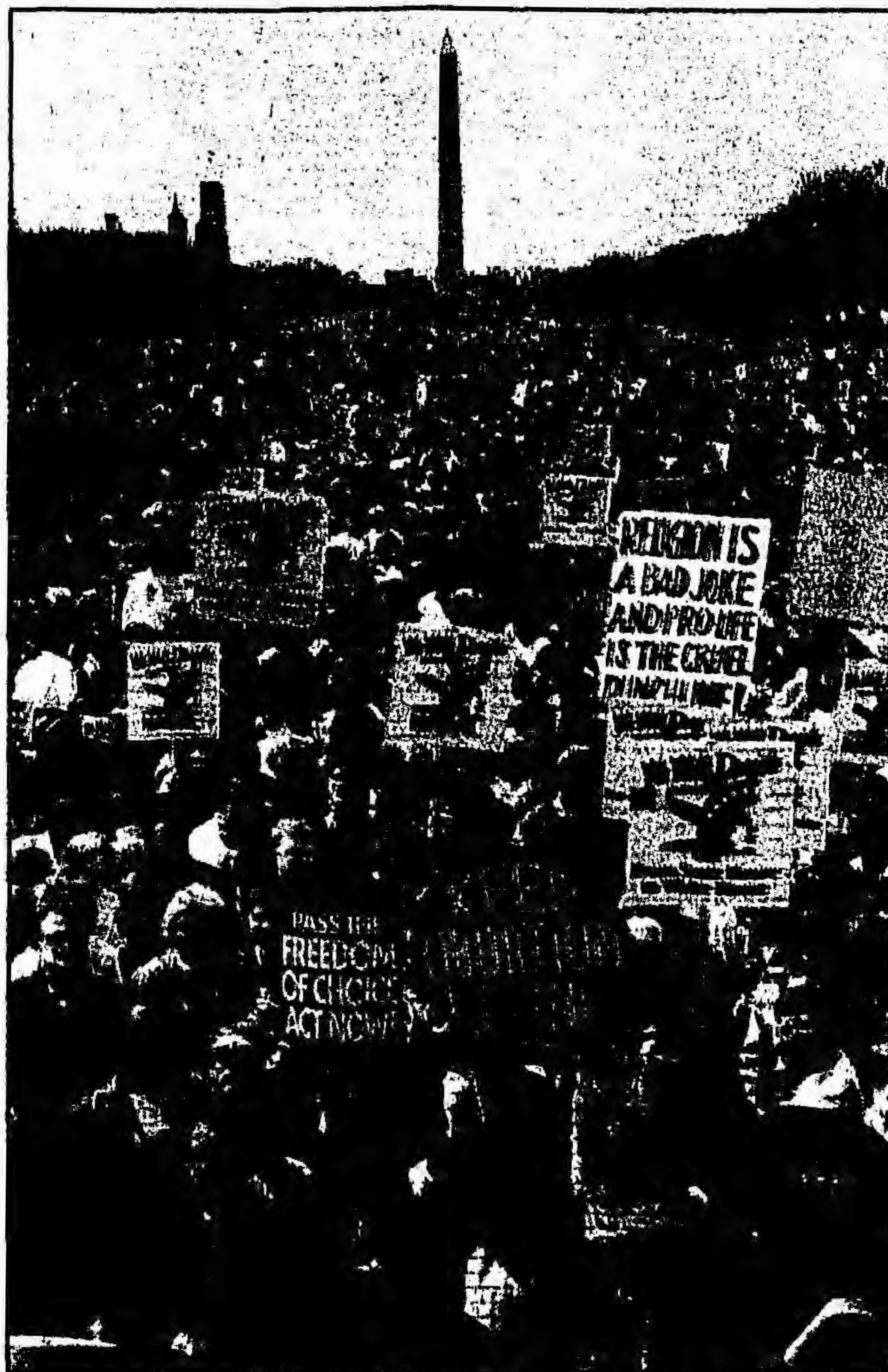
An innovative program aims to shock and educate teen-agers about the perils of drinking and driving by having them visit a hospital trauma center. B1

**A 'MERRY' REVIVAL**

The latest San Diego Opera revival of Lehár's "Merry Widow" has pleasing qualities, though it lacks polish. Reviewed by Daniel Cariaga. F1

**WEATHER:** Mostly clear and a little warmer. Increasing clouds tonight. Today's Lindbergh Field high/low: 68/60. Details: B4

**■ TOP OF THE NEWS ON A2**



Associated Press

Abortion-rights demonstrators gather on the Mall for a rally after they completed their march through the streets of the nation's capital.

## Islamic Militants Build Power Base in Sudan

■ Religion: The regime vows to export beliefs, worrying its more secular Arab neighbors and the West.

By KIM MURPHY  
TIMES STAFF WRITER

KHARTOUM, Sudan—The stilling heat of spring lies on the banks of the Blue Nile and the White Nile where they meet here on this dusty plain. The result is soporific.

A driver, arms and head sprawling from his taxi's window, snores. A soldier lets his rifle dangle in the dirt as his chin dips onto his chest. Men in white robes and turbans droop under the few trees along the river. Nearby, at the popular Acropole Hotel, the afternoon stillness is disturbed only by the slow wheeling of ceiling fan blades and an occasional fly.

This sand-swept African backwater may seem an unlikely spot for it. But Sudan's Arab neighbors—casting a wary eye at the ruling regime's vow to spread an Islamic "earthquake" through the region—have a new name for the Saharan country that is both Africa's largest and one of its poorest. They call it, "Fundamentalism International."

In the nearly three years since Lt. Gen. Omar Hassan Ahmed Bashir's Islamic regime took power in 1989, Sudan's Islamic universities have attracted young Muslim intellectuals from all over the region to study Sudan's unique brand of Islam and politics.

Sudanese activists have been

arrested or expelled for allegedly trying to undermine the governments in Algeria, Tunisia and the United Arab Emirates.

Sudan has provided temporary haven for Islamic radical leaders of organizations suspected in the murder of former Egyptian President

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## 1 Killed, 4 Hurt in Gunfight at Fraternity Picnic

By HENRY CHU  
and HUGO MARTIN  
TIMES STAFF WRITERS

A gunfight erupted during a statewide fraternity picnic at a Van Nuys park Sunday evening, leaving one young man dead and at least four others wounded, one critically.

Witnesses said a dispute over a car among two groups of men apparently led to the 6:45 p.m. shootout at Woodley Park, sending 300 picnickers running for cover in panic.

One man was arrested fleeing the scene in his car and a gun was recovered, Los Angeles Police

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## Huge Rally Backs Right to Abortion

■ Demonstration: About 500,000 marchers in nation's capital shift focus from the Supreme Court to candidates for election in November.

By RONALD J. OSTROW  
and MARILYN YAQUINTO  
TIMES STAFF WRITERS

WASHINGTON—An estimated 500,000 abortion-rights demonstrators, marching past monuments and cherry blossoms, shifted their focus Sunday from the Supreme Court to presidential, congressional and statehouse elections in November.

Although the high court will hear arguments April 22 on a Pennsylvania case that could limit the justices' 1973 ruling creating a constitutional right to abortion, the demonstrators' signs, speeches, slogans and statements were aimed mostly at political candidates.

This reflected widespread resignation among them that the Supreme Court, a prime target in past demonstrations, will overturn or continue to dilute its Roe vs. Wade abortion decision in the future. Thus, the abortion-rights advocates targeted lawmakers and government executives Sunday, hoping to preserve legal abortion in legislation and administrative regulations.

"We're going to turn out of office people who don't support us," Patricia Ireland, president of the National Organization for Women, declared as throngs of marchers headed down Pennsylvania Avenue from the White House to a rally on the Washington Mall near Capitol Hill.

Similarly, Kate Michelman, president of the National Abortion Rights Action League, told the rally: "President Bush is the most anti-choice, anti-women candidate in American history, and he has to go."

A popular sign wielded by demonstrators—"Pass the Freedom of Choice Act Now"—urged passage of a bill in Congress that would legislate into law the rights declared by the court in its Roe vs. Wade ruling nearly 20 years ago.

"We Will Decide Nov. 3 with Women's Lives at Stake," proclaimed another placard held aloft in the bright sunshine and chilly winds.

While District of Columbia and U.S. Park Police officials estimated the crowd at 500,000, Ireland contended that it was "more than a million."

Using the police estimate, the crowd exceeded the 300,000 who marched for abortion rights here three years ago—the largest demonstration since a 1983 civil rights rally marking the 20th anniversary of the March on Washington, where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. gave his "I have a dream" speech.

Democratic presidential contenders Bill Clinton and Edmund G. (Jerry) Brown Jr. broke away from campaigning for votes in New York's primary election Tuesday to take part in Sunday's demonstration.

Brown, the former California

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## Fate of a Jailed Mobster: Films, Fortune or a Bullet?

■ Mafia: Michael Franzese, an ex-Colombo family capo, says he is 'born-again' and hopes for a Hollywood career.

By JIM NEWTON  
TIMES STAFF WRITER

It was not long ago that Michael Franzese had it all.

Money? He was a multimillionaire, drove a couple of luxury cars and lived in a \$3-million Westwood mansion. Glamour? He ran his own Hollywood film company, was an executive producer with four movies under his belt and had plans for more. Love? He had fallen for—and married—a dancer who had appeared in one of his films.

And power? Michael Franzese was a capo in New York's Colombo organized crime family, a position that put a small but ferocious army at his disposal.

Today, Franzese, 41, lives under

24-hour-a-day lockdown at the Federal Correctional Institution in Englewood, Colo. When he gets out in a couple of years, he could easily end up with a bullet in the head.

That is because Franzese has done what few other Mafia captains would ever dare. In interviews and in a published memoir, he has talked about the mob. He revealed his organized crime affiliation in open court, and he testified against a former associate—all while declining to disappear and enter the relative safety of the witness protection program.

He says he quit La Cosa Nostra, and he cut an extraordinary deal with authorities, one that gives the

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## Iranian Warplanes Attack Exiles' Base Inside Iraq

■ Persian Gulf: Raid on Moujahedeen Khalq outpost is retaliation for earlier attack, Tehran declares.

From Times Wire Services

NICOSIA, Cyprus—Iranian warplanes bombed an Iranian rebel base near Baghdad on Sunday, the first air strike by Iran on Iraqi territory since a 1988 cease-fire halted their eight-year war.

Iraq said its forces shot down one of eight Iranian F-4 fighter-bombers and captured the two-man crew. State-run Baghdad Radio, monitored in Cyprus, called the raid an act of "blatant and unjustified aggression" and warned Iran of "grave consequences."

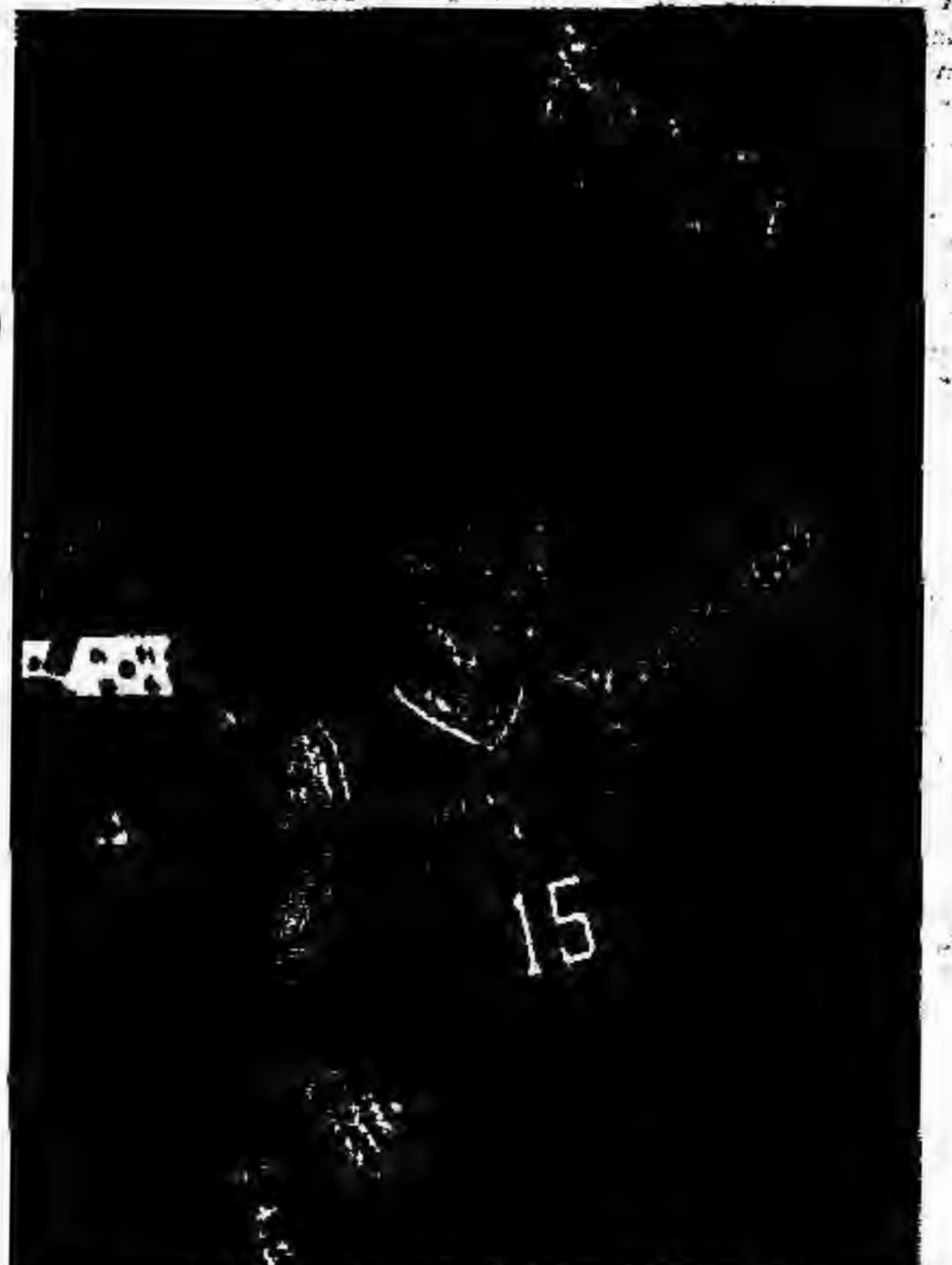
Supporters of the Iranian rebels in the United States, Canada and Europe responded by attacking the Tehran government's diplomatic missions.

The air raid marked a sharp deterioration in relations between Iran and Iraq, which have not signed a peace treaty to formally end their 1980-88 war and have been waging increasingly strident propaganda campaigns against each other.

Tehran said the air strike was in retaliation for a raid by guerrillas of Moujahedeen Khalq, or People's Holy Warriors, on two villages in western Iran on Saturday. It also blamed the Moujahedeen for recent attacks on Iranian diplomats in Baghdad.

The air attack was the most serious clash since March, 1991, when units of Iran's Revolutionary Guards crossed the border during

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LORI SHEPLER / Los Angeles Times  
Stanford's Molly Goodenbour cuts down net in celebration.

**STANFORD WOMEN WIN**

Rachel Hemmer's 18 points led Stanford to victory over Western Kentucky, 78-62, to capture NCAA basketball title. C1

# MOBSTER: Former Capo Says He Wants Legitimate Career

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government a share of the future earnings of a mobster who once made as much as \$1 billion for the Mafia.

Franzese says this time he will make that money honestly—as a Hollywood film producer. He admits he started out in movies because they gave him a way to reinvest some of his illegal earnings, but he took to the business with a passion. And once he has done his time, Franzese says, he wants nothing more than to come home to Los Angeles to start again.

But even that is just half the story. In fact, some experts believe that Franzese is calculating his moves with stunning sophistication. Although he has testified for the government, he has never fingered a member of the Mafia. He has just published the story of his life, admitting to many crimes but denying that he ever killed anyone; murder is one of two major felonies uncovered by his plea agreement. He has agreed to pay \$14.7 million in fines, but some experts say he has millions more stashed away.

If Franzese, who was baptized as a "born-again" Christian at a Westwood church in 1989, can keep his record clean, he will never serve another day in prison after 1994. If he can persuade the mob that he never hurt that organization—or if, as some suspect, he already has cut a secret deal with his Mafia colleagues—Franzese may even be allowed to live.

Only Franzese knows for sure, and in several interviews with The Times, he repeatedly denied that he has worked out a plan with the Mafia.

"That's the most ridiculous and insane thing I've ever heard," Franzese said in one interview from prison. "I know some people say that, but it's crazy."

His attorney, Bruce Kelton of Los Angeles, echoes Franzese. "Deals like that just aren't done," said Kelton, who used to serve as the assistant chief of the Los Angeles Organized Crime Strike Force. "These people [in the mob] are paranoid. They don't make deals like that."

Still, Franzese has conned a lot of people in his life, and some who have known him a long time believe he may be dealing with both sides. Edward McDonald, attorney-in-charge of a now-defunct Organized Crime Strike Force in Brooklyn, said in a television interview that he believes Franzese paid the mob \$10 million for his life.

Some prosecutors and law enforcement experts disagree. They take Franzese at his word. But a few others say they smell a payoff, too.

"My instinct tells me that in all likelihood, Franzese got official clearance from the New York organized crime families before he said any of this," said Ray Jermyn, chief of the rackets bureau for the Suffolk County district attorney's office. "The quid pro quo would have been money."

If it is true that Franzese is playing both sides of the fence, it is a dangerous game. If he has miscalculated or misjudged any player's sincerity, it will cost him dearly.

If he ever testifies against anyone of substance, they would definitely whack him out," said Bernie Welsh, a retired FBI agent who has known and investigated Franzese for years. "No question. They may

even whack him anyway."

That is hardly news to Franzese. He grew up a child of organized crime. His father, John (Sonny) Franzese, was a top figure in the Colombo family and has spent much of his life in prison. Michael's "uncles" were mobsters, so were his friends and business associates from the time he was a youngster.

Michael Franzese has told his story many times—in court, in depositions and in his autobiography, "Quitting the Mob." In a series of interviews from prison, he repeated it and elaborated eagerly, answering every question without hesitation, telling how a onetime premed student became one of the biggest moneymakers in the history of American organized crime.

On Oct. 31, 1975, Franzese says, he joined the mob. He pricked his finger and mixed his blood with other mafiosos. He swore the omerta—vowing never to betray them or disclose his membership in La Cosa Nostra.

To do so, he knew, was to court death.

"I knew what the oath was," Franzese said. "I took it."

As an up-and-coming mobster, he said, he dabbled in loan-sharking and union corruption—buying union cooperation for a New York condo project. He said he paid union officials roughly \$400,000 to stay away from the development, in the process saving the builders \$6 million to \$8 million in labor costs.

Franzese walked away with a \$2-million fee for "general contracting."

But that was just the warm-up. Franzese's coup de grace came in the early 1980s, when he oversaw a gasoline-tax evasion scam that government officials say robbed taxpayers of \$1 billion and may have netted Franzese \$1 million a week at its height. To do that, government investigators say, Franzese and a partner set up a chain of dummy gasoline wholesale corporations, one owned by the next.

When authorities came to collect gas taxes, they'd find that the businesses amounted to nothing more than a corporate letterhead. The paper trail led from one company to the next and ultimately to Panama, where the top dummy corporations were based. It took investigators months to wade through the documents.

In the meantime, Franzese and his partners sold millions of gallons of gasoline tax-free, undercutting other sellers and skimming \$60 million to \$100 million a month in tax money alone, according to some experts, including Dary Matera, the co-author of Franzese's book.

Franzese now admits to his part in that scheme and many other crimes. He says he regrets having committed them. He steadfastly denies one thing, however: the suggestion that he ever killed people or ordered others to do it.

"I'm not saying to you that I didn't have knowledge of that type of thing," he said. "But I never killed anybody."

Franzese knows that flies in the face of mob history. As he himself says, joining the organization has long required a recruit to commit a

murder.

But Franzese says the requirement was "waived" in his case. There was a burst of Mafia recruiting in the early 1970s, he says, and the rules were suspended while the families restored their criminal organizations to full strength. In addition, Franzese says, his father may have pulled strings to keep his son from having to kill anyone.

Federal agents and other law enforcement experts are unconvinced. They can offer no proof that Franzese ever committed murder, but there is at least one case in which some experts believe that Franzese may have pulled the trigger.

Larry (Champagne) Carrozza—a Brooklyn embalmer with a taste for the good life, including his trademark champagne—once was Franzese's best friend. They drank together, gambled in Las Vegas together. Carrozza was the godfather of three of Franzese's children, and he was the godfather of one of Carrozza's.

But in 1983, Franzese learned

that Carrozza, a married man, was having an affair with Franzese's sister and had become involved with drugs. Franzese said the mob had discovered both and had ordered Carrozza's assassination. In his book, Franzese says he tried to warn his friend, but that Carrozza ignored him.

Carrozza's body was found on May 20, 1983. He had been shot with a single bullet behind the right ear. There was no sign of a struggle. Police believe he was killed by someone he knew and trusted.

Franzese says he didn't do it. Some agents and prosecutors wonder about that.

"There's definitely a violent side to Franzese, and he definitely had the motive and the opportunity to do that killing," Jermyn said.

Franzese's autobiography acknowledges that many people blamed him for Carrozza's death. In a section of the book written by his co-author, Matera says "it was widely believed among law-enforcement officials and Mafia insiders that Michael killed his friend

upon his father's order."

Franzese has never been charged in that or any other killing.

When Franzese was indicted in December, 1985, it was on an array of other charges related to his enterprise. A Brooklyn-based task force charged him with racketeering, extortion, embezzlement and conspiracy. In Florida, he faced another 65 counts of tax evasion, part of a 177-count indictment that included several other people.

So Franzese cut a deal with the government, pleading guilty to two of the federal charges and all 65 of the state counts, even though that meant a prison sentence. Later, he agreed to testify against Norby Walters, a sports agent who was charged with illegally signing college athletes.

Within weeks of testifying against Walters, Franzese was freed from prison, having served less than four years of his 10-year sentence. He was sent back in 1991 after admitting to a pair of probation violations—failing to file in-

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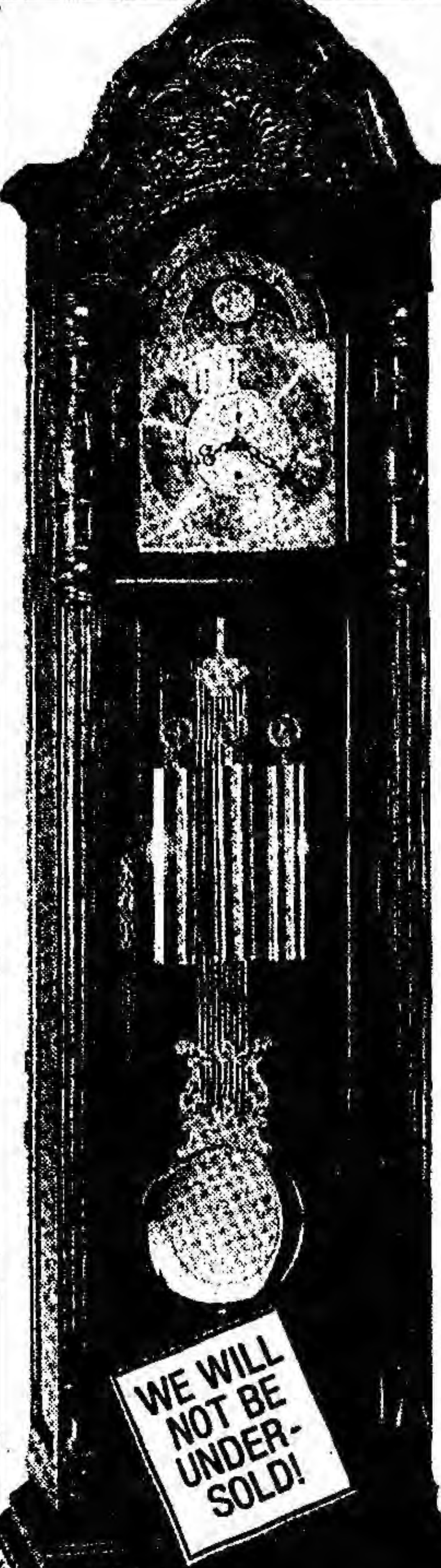
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# MOBSTER: He Says He Has Been 'Born Again'

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come tax returns for two years that he was in prison and improperly endorsing a check.

Walters was found guilty, but the conviction was overturned on appeal.

Franzese has only testified in one other trial: that of a janitor charged with leaking information to him from a grand jury investigation. He has never uttered a word in court against a former mob colleague, and he has completed his commitment to the government, so he will never have to testify against anyone again.

Franzese also had to forfeit \$5 million in assets—though the government has struggled to get that money—and he promised to turn over a cut of his future earnings. That unusual provision means the government is taking a share of the profits from Franzese's autobiography and stands to collect a cut from any movie about his life.

But what happened to the rest of the money that Franzese helped steal, hundreds of millions of dollars in gasoline taxes that have never been recovered?

Much of it probably went to the Colombo family. But there was also Franzese's share, which some experts say could easily have topped \$25 million.

Some of that went into his movie companies. One, Cammy-Co. Pro-

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ductions, is based in Los Angeles; another, Miami Gold, was headquartered in Miami and was responsible for producing a feature film there. And some money surely went to pay for his lavish expenses.

Still, conservative estimates suggest that at least \$5 million to \$6 million is unaccounted for. It could be out of the country or buried somewhere, and as long as Franzese refrains from digging it up until after 1993, when the statute of limitations runs out on the plea arrangement, it would be his to keep.

"They say I have all this money," said Franzese, who emphatically denies having any of it and blames the persistent rumors on overactive imaginations and uncorroborated testimony by one of his former associates. "Well, where is it? Someone show it to me."

Franzese insists he now wants a new life. He wants to return home to Los Angeles, to his wife and their three children—he has three more by a previous marriage—and

he wants to make more movies.

Franzese says his conversion to the straight life is because of Camille Garcia, an Anaheim dancer who appeared in one of his movies, a break-dancing feature called "Knights of the City." His voice, normally rough and direct, softens noticeably when "Cammy" comes up, and he says that what he wants most is to shorten his time in prison and return to her side.

Even Franzese's prosecutors notice the way his wife has captivated him. In fact, his love for her is the one thing about Franzese's life that no one takes issue with.

"Cammy changed my life," Franzese said. "She's the reason for all of this."

In 1989, just before Franzese was scheduled to return to prison for a pair of probation violations, he joined his wife in being baptized a "born-again" Christian.

The ceremony, held at the Westwood Hills Christian Church, marked what Franzese says was the final symbolic break with his

past. As dozens of parishioners looked on, unaware of Franzese's past, Pastor Myron Taylor gently lowered the former mobster into the church's baptismal "grave," cleansing him of his sins and welcoming him into a new life.

"Everything I've heard from Michael tells me that he's sincere," said Taylor, who has talked with Franzese at length about his past. "I understand the people who are suspicious. I don't blame them. That's their job. But I still believe that there is something in human nature that can change. I think Michael has done that."

Since the baptism, many members of the Westwood congregation have learned about Franzese's background, and a few have expressed some jitters, Taylor concedes.

"Somebody has said: 'You know, somebody could come in here and shoot the lot of us,'" Taylor said. "Really, though, there has been great joy at his transformation."

In the grittier confines of squad rooms and prosecutors' offices, the reaction is less lofty, the players a little harder to convince.

In early 1991, Franzese was back in New York, in custody, being briefed by detectives and prosecutors in another criminal case. Jermyn and one of his colleagues spent several days talking to Franzese, grilling him about what he



Michael Franzese and his wife, Camille, at wedding ceremony in Beverly Hills in 1989. He says she has inspired him to go straight.

knew, going over the old history, listening to him describe his new life and beliefs.

"At the end of that, both of us came to the same conclusion," Jermyn said. "This was just one more mask of all the masks that he

has put on. You could tell by the look in his eyes, by his body language, that this was the same Michael Franzese we knew in 1985. My impression, my honest impression, is that he hasn't changed one iota."

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